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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. AGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTH, 10, Abchurch Lane, E.C. HENRY & Co., 37, Wallbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DICKSON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLIEN & PAINIE, 30, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—DEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & Co., Singapore. C. HEINZ & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—Messrs. A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Canton, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Fuchow, HEDGE & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS. (Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000. RESERVE FUND.....£800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue BURGESS, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOULON, SAN FRANCISCO, MANCHESTER, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW, MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS. THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE UNION BANK OF LONDON. MESSRS C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD, Agent, Hongkong, Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION. (Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum. " 6 " " 4 " " " 12 " " 5 " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application. GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND.....2,100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. Deputy Chairman—H. DE C. FORBES, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq. Wm. RAINES, Esq. Hon. F. B. JOHNSON, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. A. F. McIVER, Esq. M. E. SASSOON, Esq. A. Molven, Esq. W. S. Young, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. HONGKONG, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER. Shanghai, EWAN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits. For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " " 4 " " " 12 " " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

9 Places of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. WE have been appointed Agents for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Yokohama, at this Port.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE. THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. W. K. HUGHES in our Firm, CHAMBERS on the 31st December last.

The Business will be carried on, under the same style, by Mr. WILLIAM LEGGIE and Mr. EDWARD JONES HUGHES. HUGHES & LEGGIE. Hongkong, January 14, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of the GOODS by Messrs KYNOC & Co., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co., Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13a02

NOTICE. MR. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE H. WHEELER is authorized to Sign our Name.

RUSSELL & Co., China, 1st January, 1882. ap5

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF OLD CHINESE AND JAPANESE CURIOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 11th March, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf,—

A FINE COLLECTION of OLD KWAN-CHAU, CHINGHAW, OLD CHACKLE, CATCHOW, FIVE-COLOURED PORCELAIN WARE, &c., &c. OLD SILK SCROLLS, SWORN, BRONZES, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on Friday next.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong, March 6, 1882. mr11

To Let.

TO LET. OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. "KURANZAN," No. 10, ALBANY ROAD.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

For Sale.

FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED. BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWELLERY, of various kinds.

INDIAN CASHMERE SHAWLS. SMOKING CAPS. RUMPOREE CHUDERS; and CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for LADIES' DRESSES.

At MODERATE PRICES. N. M. KHAMISA, 8 and 10, Peel Street. Hongkong, January 28, 1882.

FOR SALE. MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, TRENCHARD'S Export PALE ALE, and FINEST LAGER BEER, DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen. Also, SILLERY MOUSSEUX (VIN DE CHAMPAGNE), in Cases 2 dozen Pints and 1 dozen Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

FOR SALE. JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Quarts.....\$17 per 1 doz. Case. Pints.....\$18 per 2 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

JUST RECEIVED. Large Assortment of GENTLEMEN'S and LADIES' TENNIS SHOES, and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES. GENTLEMEN'S WALKING BOOTS. LADIES' SHOES.

And, All Sorts of TENNIS TOOLS, as BALLS, BATS, &c., &c. At MODERATE PRICES.

N. M. KHAMISA, 8 and 10, Peel Street. Hongkong, February 22, 1882. mr8

WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese.) WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office. Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on FRIDAY, the 17th day of March current, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 17th Current, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, March 1, 1882. mr17

WANTED. COMPETENT SURGEONS for STRAITS, MALAYA and SINGAPORE, notice to Victoria, Portland and San Francisco.

For Particulars, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, February 22, 1882.

Intimations.

SIXTH DRAWING. Chinese Imperial Government Eight per Cent. Loan of 1878.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par, at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong and Shanghai, on the Eighth day of March, 1882, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. HENRY SMITH, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN. 325 Bonds Nos.:

8	830	1673	2253	2928
15	831	1675	2257	2934
22	849	1683	2263	2936
23	850	1684	2270	2939
40	872	1689	2282	2941
57	893	1694	2318	2949
68	895	1710	2319	2953
101	916	1713	2320	2968
108	921	1714	2326	2970
110	931	1720	2338	2980
138	943	1727	2341	2990
167	945	1765	2343	3016
169	958	1790	2344	3028
169	962	1793	2357	3039
175	976	1809	2362	3043
178	976	1819	2372	3045
196	993	1828	2377	3044
210	1003	1833	2382	3077
211	1020	1834	2383	3079
213	1030	1840	2391	3092
221	1031	1841	2423	3093
222	1033	1845	2440	3099
247	1035	1856	2455	3112
278	1039	1863	2467	3115
291	1082	1873	2476	3119
293	1088	1877	2512	3146
303	1114	1883	2514	3151
315	1143	1896	2528	3162
321	1161	1898	2532	3178
353	1163	1900	2534	3220
358	1176	1905	2559	3223
377	1189	1906	2568	3234
385	1201	1908	2571	3245
401	1207	1910	2580	3247
402	1221	1912	2587	3250
420	1223	1918	2593	3254
424	1259	1943	2598	3258
425	1261	1952	2603	3263
442	1265	1955	2604	3269
484	1272	1979	2637	3270
493	1283	2006	2653	3305
515	1300	2011	2666	3312
518	1303	2012	2676	3329
543	1323	2013	2692	3357
550	1345	2017	2702	3359
563	1426	2019	2704	3374
566	1427	2038	2724	3393
584	1465	2039	2735	3428
600	1469	2042	2746	3438
604	1470	2044	2760	3450
633	1490	2047	2766	3454
634	1533	2060	2776	3463
638	1536	2083	2767	3467
642	1547	2090	2790	3486
655	1549	2110	2798	3492
662	1572	2117	2801	3510
707	1573	2124	2804	3523
712	1583	2126	2807	3525
741	1600	2131	2818	3556
755	1620	2148	2857	3529
758	1628	2159	2878	3530
760	1630	2163	2881	3550
791	1666	2174	2892	3560
827	1670	2218	2894	3562
829	1671	2229	2917	3567

For Shanghai Teels 500 each—Shanghai Teels 102,500.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, (Agents issuing the Loan), (Signed) H. SMITH, Chief Accountant.

Counter-signed, A. B. JOHNSON, Notary Public, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 7th day of February, 1882.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SILVER LOAN, 1878.

THE INTEREST due 8th of March current on the above LOAN, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be Paid at the Office of this Corporation on and after that Date.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Agents issuing the Loan, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 4, 1882. mr11

NETHERLANDS INDIA-STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

ON and after the 1st Proximo, the Company's STEAMERS will run Monthly between AMOY, HONGKONG, and BATAVIA direct, taking Cargo at through rates for JAYA PORTS.

THE STEAMERS will not for the present call at MACAO, MANILA or MACASSAR.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 1, 1882. ap1

Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1882-83. SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, will be Received by the Undersigned, until Noon, on THURSDAY, the 10th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the Use of H. M. Navy for the year 1882-83, viz.:

Biscuits, Raisins, Rice, Sugar, Tea, Soap, Bread, Fresh Beef, Fresh Vegetables, Water.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further Particulars can be obtained at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S Office.

The right to reject the lowest, or any Tender is reserved.

E. B. JOREY, Naval Storekeeper, H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, 3rd March, 1882. mr16

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 4 1/2, being 85 per SHARE, for the Six Months ending 31st December last, declared at Today's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION from TO-MORROW, the 2nd Inst., and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. COOKE, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, March 1, 1882. mr8

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of Business contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1881, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. COOKE, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, March 1, 1882. ap1

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. ON and after the 1st March, 1882, the OFFICES of the Messrs DEAN & BLACK STEAMSHIP COMPANY will be REMOVED to the GROUND FLOOR of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.'s Premises, Praya Central.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent.

Hongkong, February 23, 1882. mr9

WINDSOR HOUSE, Nos. 18 and 19, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

THE above well-furnished House commands a fine view of the Harbour and Shipping; and the building is surrounded by a large Verandah, which makes this resort the Coolest Hotel in the East.

Charges—From \$2.50 to \$4 per day. Porter to land and ship Baggage.

SMITH, SWIFT & Co., Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 1881. mr12

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES. UNION LINE. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE. THE Steamship Cenopus, Captain Joy, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Yokohama, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow, the 2nd Instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 1, 1882. mr8

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze, C. R. No. 9, 1 case Flour, Order, from Marseilles.

Ex Anadyr, (No. 17, 1 case Hats, A. H. H. (in cross), Order, from London.

Ex Anadyr, (No. 268/27=30 cases Vermouth, Order, from Marseilles.

G. S. C. (in dia.), 31/45=15 cases Vermouth, Order, from Marseilles.

G. S. C. (in dia.), 46/80=15 cases Vermouth, Order, from Marseilles.

C. R. 10/11=2 cases Milk, Order, from Marseilles.

C. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, February 21, 1882.

Notices to Consignees.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS. FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Glamis Castle, Ton, Commander, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, including the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned at Wharves, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1882. mr13

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE. THE S. S. Moray having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 3, 1882. mr10

STEAMSHIP "ARRATON APOAH." Captain A. B. MACVISH. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge or remaining on-board after the 8th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that any Claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 12th Instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 4, 1882. mr11

For Sale.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE.

CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATEL RAISINS.
METZ FRUIT.
ASSORTED COCAQUES.
CANDLES & BOWERS' CONFECTIONERY.
BUTTER SCOTCH.
HONEY SCOTCH.
ROSE TOFFEE.
LEMON TOFFEE.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE COLOIDAL.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
PATRAS CURRANTS.
VALENCIA RAISINS.
MACKINNON PEN.
LIVERMORE PEN.
LAWN TENNIS BATS.
LAWN TENNIS BALLS.
LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

Ex Steamer "Glenfiddich."
STILLION CHEESE.
YORK HAMS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
TYPSONAG'S DESSERT FRUITS.
SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.
FILBERTS.
COCONUTS.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LIME'S & EPP'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
FAT DE FOIE GRAS.
MINECEAT.
CHOCOLATE-MENIER.
SAUSAGES.
BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.
DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
ANCHOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES.
HIDDERICK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE.
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS.
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.
CHATEAU LA FITE, " "
LIES GRAVES, " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SERRIES & PORT.
SACCOE'S MANZANILLA & AMON.
TILLADO.
SACCOE'S OLD INVALID PORT.
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.
1, 2 & 3 star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUBOUCHÉ & Co.'s BRANDY.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LI-WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA.
BOTTLED AND ORANGE BITTERS.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.
Fresh ROLL BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
BONOLISS CODFISH.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
RUSSIAN CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.
PICKLED OX-TONGUES.
Family PIG-PORK in hogs and pieces.
PARAGON MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

" Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
" Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.
" Stuffed PEPPERS.
" Assorted PICKLES.
" MINECEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.
Richardson & Robbin's Carried OYSTERS.
McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
HOMINY.
CORNMEAL.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.
RYE MEAL.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA RACKER.
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb tins, and loose.
Alphabetical BISCUITS.
Fancy Sweet Mixed BISCUITS.
GINGER CAKES.
SODA BISCUITS.
OYSTER BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
HOMINY.
CORNMEAL.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.
RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED CIGARS.
Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 and 10 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPHANDLERY of every Description.
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly executed.
Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

Intimations.

WANTED.
A Managing PARTNER for an Old Established WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT'S BUSINESS, with ASSURANCE, MANUFACTURE and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS combined.
For full Particulars, apply to "A. D. C."
c/o. OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.
Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

TOK KEE,
COAL MERCHANT,
33, WING HING LANE, HONGKONG.
KEEPS on hand for Sale all Kinds of Steam Coal of the best quality, at moderate rate; also has always a Powerful STEAM LAUNCHES for Hire at a reasonable Charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions, or Towing.
Hongkong, January 13, 1882.

Insurance.
THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON.
THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in HONGKONG and CHINA for the above Company are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Hongkong, May 3, 1881.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).
NOTICE.
POLICIES GRANTED at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 6, 1881.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.
Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.
Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.
CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).
Estimated Liability of Shareholders.
THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.
CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE FUND £230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £288,936.17
TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881, £938,936.17
Directors.
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
W. M. BUTT, Esq., W. MEYERINK, Esq., J. H. PINGKONG, F. D. HITCH, Esq., Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.
LONDON BRANCH: MESSRS BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.
RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent, 68 and 69, Cornhill.
Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
Subject to a Charge of 12 % for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 20, 1881.

TO-day's Advertisements.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship "Glenfiddich," Captain JAMES, will be despatched for the above Port at Daylight TO-MORROW, the 8th Inst. instead of the time previously notified.
For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 7, 1882.

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A QUANTITY OF PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS, by Baron STALLFELD, of Yokohama, comprising:—
ALBUMS OF VIEWS IN JAPAN, PANORAMAS, COLOURS, &c., of JAPAN (COLOURED and PLAIN) &c., &c.
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who lost his life in the faithful discharge of duty at the late fire. This is a graceful act, as well as a suitable and substantial way, on the part of the native community, of making their appreciation of the work of the fire brigades, and as such merits our hearty commendation.

The notified intention of the Government to introduce the so-called dry earth system into the Central School is, we presume, approved by the Special Sanitary Commissioner, Mr. O. Chadwick. It may be as well to point out that, unless it is desired that the scheme should result in utter failure, it is imperative that the closets should be self-acting in a school of some 300 or 400 boys. This is the only way to secure the proper application of the dry earth. Any neglect in this particular would be the reverse of pleasant to all concerned. We believe that this system is at present in use at the Tung-Wah Hospital, and, in a measure, also at the Civil Hospital. It is absolutely necessary that due care be taken (as in the military camps at home) to burn or treat with lime the excreta, in order to ensure the destruction of the specific germs of contagious disease. This is the only way to render the removal of the excreta, or its use as manure, at all safe to the Colony; and if this is not done, the possible consequences to the Colony of a possible outbreak of some contagious disease is really alarming.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. E. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

THE ATTEMPT TO SHOOT THE QUEEN.

LONDON, March 6th.

There was a universal thanksgiving in all the Churches on Sunday for the escape of Her Majesty, and the Lords and Commons move a congratulatory address to the Queen.

Maclean, the would-be assassin, was formerly in an asylum.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE next FRENCH MAIL, bringing London dates to the 3rd Feb., may be expected to arrive on or before Tuesday, the 14th instant.

MR. W. AYUK has, we are given to understand, been engaged as comprador to the Chartered Mercantile Bank, which position his father so ably filled until his death, some few years ago.

A Gazette extraordinary was circulated this afternoon, announcing that His Excellency the Governor having left the Colony, the Hon. Malcolm Struan Tennochy has been duly sworn in as Administrator.

FIRE was discovered to have broken out in house, No. 13, d'Agulhar Street this morning. The fire was of a trifling nature, the mosquito curtains of a bed having from some cause or other caught fire, and was speedily extinguished.

SOME light may be thrown upon the Chinese Address by the fact that a Chinese notice, placed in a prominent position in the Tung Wah Hospital, announces a donation of \$200 by His Excellency the Governor to that institution.

AN adjourned inquest was held this afternoon at the Magistrate's, before the Coroner, (H. E. Wodehouse, Esq.,) and the following jurors: Messrs J. S. Judah, D. R. Billia, and F. Leebler, the death of the late William Lupton, late sugar boiler at the Sugar Refinery. On the last occasion the enquiry was adjourned to allow the police an opportunity of discovering the jurick-sha coolie who conveyed the deceased from the Hongkong Hotel, the last place he is known to have visited. To-day Inspector Corcoran said that his inquiries had failed to get any clue in the matter, and he stated that he had been in communication with the Registrar General, and also had posted notices along the Queen's Road, the Praya West, and East Point, and other jurick-sha stations. The Coroner, in advising the jurors to return a verdict of found dead, said there was no use in ransoming the case further, and that the police would still continue to make enquiries, and anything that might be ascertained would be made known by them. An open verdict of found dead was returned.

YESTERDAY afternoon a deputation of Portuguese gentlemen in the Government Civil Service in Hongkong, comprising Messrs J. M. A. Silva, J. M. S. Alves, F. Machado, M. Gutierrez, A. F. Alves, F. G. de Rocha, J. M. Machado, and J. A. Carvalho, waited on H. E. the Governor at Government House, and presented him with a congratulatory address on the occasion of his going home "on six months' leave of absence." No prior notice was given to the newspapers of the presentation, and therefore the Governor's reply to the address must be taken at whatever words can be placed on a congratulatory speech. He alluded to the Portuguese community in the most flattering terms. His Excellency had furnished up for the occasion a dispatch from the Duke of Newcastle, mentioning Sir John Bowring to appoint Mr. de Almeida e Castro, Colonial Secretary for the Colony, and made much of this in the way of flattering the feelings of the deputation. But this apparent intention to honor to the Portuguese community had, perhaps, another side. At the time spoken of, Hongkong was considered one of the

most unhealthy of Colonies, and suitable men were not so easily obtainable from home as now, so that this appointment may have been a last resource. We do not intend to disparage the Portuguese community in any way, but Sir John Pope Hennessy's praise on occasions like this is sufficient to make men who are blessed with self-respect thankful they have escaped such encomiums.

THIS afternoon Sir John Pope Hennessy took his departure from Hongkong, amidst the roar of cannon and the cracking of Chinese fire-works, a goodly quantity of which were expended without making much of a show. A little after three o'clock crowds of Chinese began to assemble at the Murray Pier, and later on these were intermingled with a large portion of the Portuguese community and a few European gentlemen. Amongst those present we noticed H. E. Lieutenant-General Donovan, the Hon. Francis Snowden, the Hon. J. Russell, the Hon. E. L. O'Malley, the Hon. W. M. Deane, the Hon. P. Ryrie, and several members of the Consular body, and others. The road leading to Government House was lined by Sikh and European constables, under Deputy Superintendent Horspool, Acting Chief Inspector Grey, and Inspector Thompson. His Excellency, accompanied by the Hon. M. S. Tennochy, shortly after half-past three, and was saluted by the Guard of Honour, the Band playing a bar or two of the "Minstrel Boy to the Wars is gone." Several profane people in the crowd remarked that he was, and would probably see a good deal of fighting too. His Excellency bowed to the crowd, and proceeded on board the launch in waiting, which left the pier under a salute from the shore battery. At Pottinger Street Wharf were a number of launches, chartered by Chinese, and bearing a triangular white flag with a Chinese inscription, which was translated to us as "all Hongkong men can come on board this steamer," an invitation which proved not to be at all so general as it seemed at first sight, as one qualification for a free passage was the possession of a long coat—a "class distinction" somewhat out of harmony with the views enunciated by the departing Governor. These launches on leaving for Murray Pier were not overburdened with passengers, nor were they by any means over-crowded when they left that pier in company with the Governor's launch, as one respectfully large launch could have held the whole of the passengers. A burst of crackers from these launches closed the proceedings, and the crowd dispersed.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending March 5th:

European	Chinese
Monday, 60	726
Tuesday, 42	635
Wednesday, 28	521
Thursday, 69	484
Friday, 51	528
Saturday, 52	446
Sunday, 292	3,340
Total, 3,622	

CHINESE ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR.

The following is an address presented to the Governor by a large number of the Chinese members of the community on the occasion of his departure:

[TRANSLATION.]

Laudatory Address presented to His Excellency Sir J. Pope Hennessy, Governor of Hongkong, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., on the eve of his returning to his native country.

Hongkong is an important trading station and the post of its governorship is a very responsible one. Since the advent of our Excellency, Sir J. Pope Hennessy, to this Colony it is now five years. His policy has been conciliatory and peaceful, and the place has been well governed. Soon after his arrival (his descent from his carriage) he took advice from the leading Chinese of the Colony and discussed with them about local matters of importance; he promoted what is beneficial, and repressed what is detrimental. He raised the net poles and the meshes of the net were spread (met. the affairs of Government) were ably managed under His Excellency's direction. His Excellency's treatment of the Chinese has been generous; he has extended protection to all alike without partiality, pursuing his policy during the past five years as firmly as in one day. Such a state of things has never before happened. His Excellency is a great financier; he has enriched the Treasury every year by several tens of thousands of dollars, thereby benefiting the Government and the people. Can it be said that Governor Hennessy's administration has been a blessing to the Chinese only? Ought we to remain silent when His Excellency is going away? Therefore we respectfully append the following lines in commemoration of the event:

Grand and lofty is Governor Hennessy. He is a pillar of the State; His fame extends to Europe, His high character is well known in London. Having received the gracious appointment from Her Majesty, He came here to govern Her subjects. He is as tender as a mother to her children. His intelligence is equal to that of a genius. He has now been here five years, Pursuing a liberal and humane policy. Without partiality, without distinction, Ever obliging and ever kind. Now he is taking his departure, But it is hoped he will return. Under a deep sense of obligation, These lines are written to express our gratitude. Respectfully presented by the Chinese Community in Hongkong, on the 5th day of March, 1882.

His Excellency, we understand, thanked the deputation, which comprised several of the richest merchants and oldest citizens in the colony, who had the Governor said ever really spoken to the Government, and done much to bring the colony into

the highly prosperous condition in which it now stands. They were men whose confidence in the good will of the Governor might be proud of having gained. He should always remember them with sincere affection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, March 7th.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present the Hon. E. Snowden, Chairman; the Hon. M. S. Tennochy, Acting Colonial Secretary; the Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney General; the Hon. W. M. Deane, Acting Colonial Treasurer; and the following unofficial members, the Hon. P. Ryrie, the Hon. Ng Choy, and the Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson.

The Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting, when—

The Hon. F. B. Johnson said before the meeting confirmed the minutes, he wished to say a few words with regard to them. He found that the Governor on the 4th March entered the protest he had forwarded in the minutes, and remarking on it said the hon. member was entirely out of order in endeavouring to speak on a question of privilege, as to (His Excellency) had not sufficient before him to show that the question to be raised had been ruled out of order at a previous meeting. This statement was not in accordance with fact. He distinctly stated on that occasion that, when he was ruled out of order, he had not the slightest intention of referring to the subject which the Chairman had ruled out of order. In a former statement and before the subject he rose to speak but was interrupted. He wished therefore with their permission to say that this statement was not correct. That on whatever ground his motion might have been ruled out of order, it was not ruled out of order in consequence of his desire to enter into a discussion about a question that occurred on a former occasion. He only wished in a few words to give an explanation, and he had not the slightest desire to raise any discussion.

The Hon. F. Snowden said he really thought it was the business of the Council to enter into the question at that time. It was extremely unfortunate, he thought, that the hon. member was not present at the last meeting, when he could have objected to what took place there. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and read at last meeting, and it would be rather awkward to enter into anything that occurred the time before.

The Hon. E. L. O'Malley said he rose to a question of order. He apprehended from what the hon. member said that he objected to a statement of fact contained in the minutes, that statement purporting to be a statement of what passed at a meeting in the Council, and the hon. member being concerned in what passed and being interested, as he must have been, in a correct statement of these facts, it was competent for the hon. member who objected to the accuracy of the statement of these facts to rise and state his objections, and represent what he apprehended to be a correct version. He apprehended that that intent, it was competent to an hon. member to address the Council on this occasion, and that such an opportunity to put himself right upon the records of the Council could not be refused.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson said it seemed to him that what the hon. member said was a statement of what alone was responsible for it, was now absent, it was hardly right of the hon. member, who was not present on the last occasion, and who might have been, to now attempt to show that this statement was altogether incorrect.

The Hon. M. S. Tennochy said, as he took it that the minutes were really correct as to what took place at the last meeting, and what the hon. member objected to was what took place at the meeting previous to the last. They were now merely confirming what was done at the last meeting. He did not think the hon. member was able to say that the minutes were incorrect as he was not present. They must put the minutes of what took place at the last meeting, and if the hon. member had any motion to make he could then put it on paper. It was very unfortunate that the hon. member was not present then.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson rose and said it was not his desire to raise any question whatever, but he was not satisfied that there had been some misapprehension. It appeared in these minutes that he had endeavoured to raise a discussion at that meeting on a question that had been ruled out of order at a previous meeting. He wished now to make a statement that he had no reason whatever to raise any such question. He wished to raise a totally different question.

The Hon. W. M. Deane thought the course taken by his hon. friend was rather irregular, and that their duty was to confirm the minutes. He, the Hon. Mr. Johnson, would have the privilege of stating his reasons for thinking that there was a certain inaccuracy, but at present he, the speaker, thought the minutes should be confirmed.

The Hon. E. L. O'Malley said he agreed with the hon. member opposite, the Hon. W. M. Deane, but thought the hon. member (Mr. Johnson) was entitled to make an explanation of the statement as to what passed at a previous meeting and put it before the Council, and that the hon. member's objection should be put on record.

The minutes were then confirmed.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson then was allowed by the Council to state his objections. He then read the protest dated the 13th February which he read at the meeting held on the 22nd February, and also the minutes in which His Excellency the Governor stated that there was a slight inaccuracy or misconception in the latter part of the protest about documents being exhibited by his direction. The hon. gentleman said he distinctly stated on that occasion that he had no intention of objecting to anything which had existed at a previous meeting, when he rose on that occasion was simply to draw the attention of the Council to the relations between the chair and the hon. members. He wished to protest against the action of the chair as being a breach of privilege on the chairman's part towards hon. members. He considered that the hon. members should exercise more care over the privileges of members of the Council, and he thought that this explanation as to the misapprehension was due to the Council and also to himself.

The Hon. M. S. Tennochy was then sworn in as Administrator of the Colony for ten years, after which the Hon. W. M. Deane and Mr. S. B. Boff were sworn in by the Acting Governor as Colonial Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

The Hon. M. S. Tennochy said, there was a matter which he would put before them in a few words. This was the first meeting of the Council since the painful news reached Hongkong of the death of the late Governor, and he thought it was his duty to propose that the Council should adjourn for a few days, in the long voyage across the South Pacific, or several stoppages

for reloading with that fuel; and, in the second place, the errand at one of the islands there is likely to lead to another or other similar visits to other islands, and possibly to indefinite delay, even if no trifling or considerable accident occurs. For, obviously, the flag-ship of this station would not have been diverted thus far away from the direct course of her return hither, upon a mere idle visit, such as would impose no considerable delay at the place or places indicated; but, on the contrary, her movements hitherto would have been left subject to certain contingencies as ruling the period of delay en route.

As, therefore, only about a month had expired beyond the date when the officer thought, or his Mother had ascertained that the Government supposed, the ship might be expected to reach Japan, it is to be hoped that, in light of the foregoing reasons, no anxiety will have been caused by a note of premature alarm.

P.S. Since the rain and drizzle have ceased, and the temperature of 48° to 50°, has moderated to 54°, with sunshine at intervals, we are enjoying the fresh instalment of wintry weather that succeeded a temperature of 74° on the 1st instant.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(Continued.)

The Shanghai Telephone Exchange was opened for regular business to-day (1st) and is now in full operation. Speaking from practical experience, we have already seen this useful little instrument in our office we can say that it is all that can be desired. We are now connected by Telephone and have been to the Central Office and examined the "switch table" and the *modus operandi* of connecting one subscriber with another. For the benefit of such few of our readers as have not seen the working of the Telephone we will give a brief explanation. Each subscriber has in his office a call bell, receiving Telephone, and transmitter, or speaking Telephone, connected by a small galvanised wire to the "switch table" at the Central station. Supposing A wishes to communicate with B, A rings his bell which drops an annunciator with A's number on it at the Central station. The operator there immediately switches his telephone on to A's line and asks what is wanted, ascertaining who A wants. He replies, "I'll connect you with B and you ring him up yourself." The operator at once by means of small brass plugs connects A's wire with B's, and A rings his bell, at the same time ringing B's. B answers with a ring; and they proceed to converse, the wire being in direct communication—in fact as if A had a direct wire from his office to B. When they have finished their conversation, A rings his bell, thus notifying the central office he has finished. The operator at once removes the plugs, and both wires are therefore free to connect with others. It is now only about three years since the first Telephone Exchange was started in St. Louis, since when this little instrument has come into such use that the wonder is we ever did without it. In every little town in the U. S. there are small exchanges, the larger cities having thousands connected. Chicago, for instance, having over six thousand subscribers to the system. All over Great Britain, and the Continent, this little instrument is in use. One can fancy how prevalent its use has become when the Oriental Telephone Company (who in connection with the Great Northern Telegraph Company here, are starting an exchange), have a list of 175 subscribers even in Honolulu. Of course Shanghai is not large enough to support two Telephone Exchanges, as it would be absurd to pay \$250 per annum to be connected with both exchanges, where half that sum would be sufficient for one. The exchange must be of necessity singular in order to embrace all; for it is based on the old adage of "the more the merrier." It can readily be seen an exchange having a hundred and fifty subscribers is of much more value than one containing only fifty.

We would therefore suggest without any comparisons whatsoever, that the Great Northern Telegraph Company in connection with the Oriental Telephone Company, after having spent much time and trouble, are first in the field, they should receive public support. In regard to the instruments we can only say they are apparently perfect, and certainly "speak for themselves." Having seen the exchange in its working condition, we close by saying "go and see for yourselves" and judge. We know that every attention will be shown to those desirous of examining the instruments, and full explanations will be given by those in charge. The office is on the lower floor of the Great Northern Telegraph Company's building, directly in connection with the telegraph office.

Police Intelligence.
(Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.)
Tuesday, March 7.

PIRING CRACKERS.
Seven Chinese admitted the charge of firing crackers, and were each fined 25 cents, with the alternative of one day's imprisonment.

DRUNKEN.
Robert Reudman, seaman on board the American ship *Ward*, was found drunk in *Queen's Road* at about 11 o'clock last night. He said he had tried to get on board, but had to give in and lie down. He was fined 25 cents or one day's imprisonment.

Charles Wilcox, seaman on board the *Glendy*, was found drunk and inebriate in Lower Lascar Row late last night. He expressed his regret for the occurrence, but was fined the customary sum of 25 cents, with the option of one day's imprisonment.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.
Lo Fuk, a Chinese, was charged by James Holland, private of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, with the unlawful possession of one pound of tea, the property of the Regimental band. Holland observed the defendant coming from the Murray Barracks cook-house with a basket over his arm. There was something bulky under his jacket, and when asked to stop, Lo Fuk said, "No, I can't." He was stopped and the tea found there. The defendant was a coolie employed by the band. His defence was that he was not aware who had put the tea there, it was found.

This innocent excuse was hardly sufficient to exonerate him from the charge, and he was fined ten shillings, with the option of fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.

THIEF.
Wong Ahun, Yau Akap and Wong Ahu, coolies, were charged with the theft of some coffee, the property of a fireman on board the Russian ship *Indevich*. The complainant had gone ashore some days ago to the Central Market to purchase provisions for the ship. The purchases finished, he engaged the defendants to carry them to the wharf, where one of the defendants ran off with 8lb. of coffee. The first carried the beef, and the complainant could not say which of the other two carried off the packets. He missed a \$5 note at the same time, but how it disappeared he was unable to say.

The first defendant was discharged, the second and third were sentenced to twenty-one days' imprisonment with hard labour.

CANTON.
THE "RICHMOND" CAPTIVITY.
Black House, 6th March.

Observing the note of concern respecting the safety of the U. S. S. *Richmond* in your issue of Saturday, I hasten to apprise you of reasons for considering such concern premature. First, a letter from a Miss Warren, one of whose sons is an officer on board the *Richmond*, dated December 10th, which reached me on the 21st of January, indicates February 1st as the date when this ship might be expected. Second, the nature of the service indicated in your note, as that to which she was directed en route to Japan, implies delay and uncertainty, since, in the first place, either a strict economy in the use of coal would impede reliance upon sail, in the long voyage across the South Pacific, or several stoppages

for reloading with that fuel; and, in the second place, the errand at one of the islands there is likely to lead to another or other similar visits to other islands, and possibly to indefinite delay, even if no trifling or considerable accident occurs. For, obviously, the flag-ship of this station would not have been diverted thus far away from the direct course of her return hither, upon a mere idle visit, such as would impose no considerable delay at the place or places indicated; but, on the contrary, her movements hitherto would have been left subject to certain contingencies as ruling the period of delay en route.

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Commercial.

March 6.

A moderate business has been done on the Opium since last report. The rate for the drug has gradually declined, standing to-day at \$655. It denotes a rather restricted business has to be noted; and the drug is quoted to-day at \$590.

The receipts for the month, so far, aggregate 4,495 chests. During the interval some 450 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 850 chests at the corresponding period last year, when the native New Year holidays did not intervene. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 3,800 chests against 1,650 chests at the same time last year, when the supplies by direct steamers were not received. Of the above given 3,800 chests, the stock of Behares comprises 2,200 chests.

Porters continue neglected, with a stock of some 2,600 chests.

MESSRS STRAIL & LAMKE Freight Circular, for the Mail of Tuesday, 7th March, says:—

The market has shown considerably more animation during the fortnight under review, but the demand has been ruling chiefly for steamers to load at Saigon for the Philippines, and a little more lively, but notwithstanding the very moderate amount of available draft rates show no advance on last quotations. One vessel has been taken up from this port to Havre and London; more tonnage is however wanted for the United Kingdom, as well as the Continent, but the non-arrival of suitable tonnage has checked further business.

Continuing some transactions have taken place for the Northern ports, but rates have experienced a considerable decline. Steamer rates from Saigon to this have been gradually advancing, in consequence of a brisk demand, and large business has been done in that direction; at the moment there appears to be some lull in the demand, but operations will no doubt shortly be resumed by Natives.

The American bark "Pearl" has taken the berth for Singapore.

The American ship "Tecomah," the German ship "Friedrich," and the German steamer "Friedrich," proceed to the Philippines under orders from home. The British schooner "Sea Breeze," proceeds to Singapore.

The British steamer "Conquest," has been sold privately to Manila.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 10 vessels, registering 6,007 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:—

German ship Adelphi, 808, Hoilo to London or Liverpool, £2 15s. 6d. per ton of 20 cwt.

Danish bark Aurora, 570, one Port Philippines to Changhai, £ 33s. 9d. per ton of 20 cwt.

British 3 Mast Schooner Anna Wierholm, 384, Manila to Capetown, private.

German bark Marie, 428, Cebu to Changhai, £ 33s. 9d. private.

British bark Lucia, 640, to Havre and London, private.

Spanish ship H. W. Dudley, 1128, to Portland, private.

British bark Raven, 343, Whampoa to Tientsin and back via Newchwang, 66 cents per picul; 40 day days.

French bark Esperance, 272, Whampoa to Tientsin and back via Newchwang, 67 cents per picul; 35 day days.

Russian steamer Vladivostok, 678, Canton to Tientsin and back via Newchwang, private.

German steamer Nohs, 660, to Newchwang and back, 37 cents per picul.

German bark Hermine, 350, Newchwang to Hongkong, 33 cents per picul; 20 day days.

French bark St. Ideus, 388, Newchwang to Hongkong, 32 cents per picul; 20 day days.

German bark Orient, 421, Whampoa to Chefoo and back via Newchwang, 42 cents per picul, 38 day days.

German bark Brinklow, 450, Whampoa to Chefoo and back via Newchwang, 45 cents per picul, 40 day days.

German bark Sophia, 260, Takao to Yokohama, 35 cents per picul.

British steamer Strathgairn, 1839, Monthly Charter, 3 to 6 months, 88 cents per month.

German steamer Piccola, 847, Monthly Charter, 4 to 9 months, 85 cents per month.

Danish steamer Asa, 860, Saigon to Hongkong, \$4.40 per picul.

British steamer Penedo, 652, to Saigon back, \$4.60 in full.

British steamer Craigland, 710, Saigon to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul.

British steamer Himalaya, 514, Saigon to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul.

British steamer Solway, 514, to Saigon and back, 24 cents per picul; and Saigon to Hongkong (Richmond), 19 cents per picul.

British steamer Volmer, 979, Saigon to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul.

British steamer Crusader, 647, Saigon to Hongkong, 4 trips last 17, 2nd 18, 3rd 18, and 4th 19 cents.

German steamer Atlanta, 787, Saigon to Hongkong, 17 cents per picul.

German steamer Olympia, 783, Saigon to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul.

German steamer Ducina, 1151, Saigon to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul.

British steamer Palatin, 806, Saigon to Hongkong, 21 cents per picul.

British steamer Hongkong, 958, Saigon to Hongkong, 22 cents per picul.

British steamer Solway, 510, Monthly Charter, 3 to 3 months, 88.25 cents per month (after completion of Saigon Charter).

British steamer Carpentershire, 1,100, Saigon to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul.

Japan.
YOKOHAMA.
(Gazette.)

There is a funny report current, which we recommend to the war correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury*, to the effect that some of the officers of the Chinese man-of-war Yu Yuse have been despatched to Tokio and are there busily engaged in the purchase of a large quantity of arms and ammunition, and sold by the war department to native marine store dealers. Chinese preparations for war are on an imposing scale according to the news from China; and this purchase of the Chinese man-of-war seems to confirm the reports which reach us in intensified form by every successive mail.

A farewell tea and entertainment was given last evening (22nd Feb.) at a Seamen's Mission by the temperance men of H. B. M. S. *Encounter*, at which the temperance men of the U. S. S. *Monoway* and H. M. S. *Kestrel*, and a number of their shore friends, were present. About seventy persons sat down to the capital tea provided for them, after which a very good programme was carried out. The occasion was also availed of by the men from the *Encounter*, to present a fine picture to Mr. and Mrs. Austen, the man-of-war's missionary and his wife, as a token of their esteem and gratitude for their varying kindness to seamen visiting this port.

"The cry is still, they come." The *Nichi Nichi* states that two hundred shotku in Shidzuoka, have applied to the government for permission to establish a private bank under the name of Fuji-Ginko, with a capital of 150,000 yen, and, of course, under the regulations, a note issue of 80 per cent. of that sum. If these poor people have 750 yen each, let them invest in an outfit and passage to the fruitful fields of the United States or Australia, where at all events they will be able to find markets for the fruits of labour. A bank with 150,000 yen capital, and a note issue of 120,000 yen, is a very small affair. The absurdity is too painful to contemplate.

33,220 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 6,000 lbs., total 76,770 lbs., making, with previous arrivals, a total for the season of 18,774,037 lbs., against 21,518,566 lbs., for season 1881-82.

BEFORE the Native holidays, which commenced on the 18th ultimo, a fair business was reported settlements reaching 225 bales Tattler red, and prices in the early part of the month showed a decline of about \$5 per picul on the quotations given in our report of 4th ultimo; during the past fortnight, however, the demand has slackened and only 65 bales have changed hands, the market closing very quiet.

Long reeds.—Very small settlements for the Indian market are reported.

Reeds.—There has been a very moderate demand for America, and reported contracts for the month only amount to 200 boxes, prices being 88 per picul cheaper than they were a month back.

Waste.—Dealers are asking 8123 for No. 2 Gum, but there is hardly any stock here at the moment.

SKA.—Export to date:—To London, 5,172 bales; to Continent, 7,666 bales; to America, 8,612 boxes; to Bombay, 2,157 piculs; Total, 12,833 bales; 8,612 boxes; and 2,157 piculs. Of Waste, 8,629 bales; and Pierced Cocoons, 2,189 for Europe.

QUOTATIONS.

Tattler,.....	Chino, None
".....No. 1,	8455
".....No. 2,	8405
".....No. 3,	8445
Longkong,.....	Chino, 8435
".....No. 1,	None
".....No. 2,	None
Cumchuck,.....	8470
Re-rolled Cumchuck,.....	Best None
".....No. 1,	8405
".....No. 2,	8405
".....Cote-own,.....	1, None
Waste Silk,.....No. 1, None	
".....No. 2,	8123
Cocoons Pierced,.....	8 98

SETTLEMENTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT.

1881-82. 1880-81.

For Europe,..... 500 bales nil bales

United States,..... 200 bales 700 lbs.

Bombay,..... nil piculs 60 piculs

DRUGS AND SPICES.—Cassia Lignea:

Look-Poo and Loting are quoted in rates

\$7.85 and \$8.10 in boxes. Sales: 1,000

piculs. Stock: 6,000 piculs. Tai Wo is

quoted at 88.15 in rates, and 88.30 in

boxes. Sales: 1,000 piculs. Stock: 9,500

piculs. Cassia Buds, Old \$10.00 per picul.

Sales: nil. Stock: 100 piculs. New \$11.50

per picul. Sales: 400 piculs. Stock 100

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